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ESTABLISHMENT OF COTTON TECHNOLOGY MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any initiative in regard to establish the Cotton Technology Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the total amount sanctioned and utilized under the Cotton Technology Mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) In order to improve the production, yield and the quality of cotton, the Government of India has launched the implementation of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme ofTechnology Mission on Cotton in January, 2000. The Mission consists of four Mini-Missions.The Mini-Mission-1 on researchis to be dealt by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research forevolving newer and better varieties/technologies suited to different agro-climatic conditions of the country for improving the yield and quality of cotton.

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is responsible for the implementation ofMini-Mission-II for enhancing production through the modification of on-going Scheme of Intensive Cotton Development Programme.The Intensive Cotton Development Programme envisages: enhancement of production and productivity of cotton through various extension/developmental activities such as transfer of technologies by field demonstration/farmers training, supply of certified seeds of varieties released during last fifteen years, use of water saving devices like sprinkler and drip systems, establishment of seed delinting machines and various activities of pest control including setting up of bio-agent units, pest surveillance, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and demonstration-cum-training supply of sprayers/pheromone trap/bio-agents.

The Ministry of Textiles is nodal Ministry for implementation of Mini-Mission III and Mini- Mission-IVThe Mini-Mission-III is meant for the Development of marketing infra-structure by undertaking activites like construction of marketing yards, auction centers, grading facilities, laboratories for testing quality of cotton. The Mini-Mission-IV aims at upgradation andmodernisation of ginning and pressing factories for the production of better quality cotton.

For the implementation of various Mini-Missions under Technology Mission during 2000- 2001, an amount of Rs.102.43 crores has been allocated as a central share till November, 2000. The implementing agencies are to furnish the amount utilized under the Technology Mission on Cotton only after the end of current financial year.